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PLASTIC CONTAINER

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Greetings:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel, without prejudice, claims 2, 5 - 9, 15 - 20, and 22 - 25.

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)**Applicant(s): **Seiji Yamashita**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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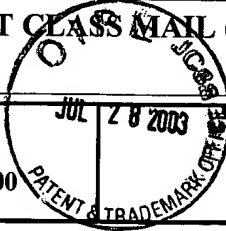
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